

BIG TRUCKS HERE.

A. J. Andrews, vice president of the Atlantic Coast Railroad Co., is here for alleged injuries.

The suit of A. J. Andrews against the Atlantic Coast Railroad Co., the Southern Railway Co., Jos. H. Diannard, engineer, and E. S. Mott, conductor on a Southern Railway freight train, and Joseph Gale, engineer on a A. C. L. passenger train No. 34 between Columbia and Marion, N. C., was commenced in the court of common pleas this morning and will probably last the rest of the week. The plaintiff asks for \$25,000 for alleged injuries received in an alleged wreck caused by an A. C. L. train, on which he was railway postal clerk, running into a Southern Railway freight train on a portion of track used jointly by both A. C. L. and Southern roads. It is alleged by the plaintiff that he was badly injured about the head, arm and hip and has been too ill ever since to resume his duties.

Messrs. L. D. Jennings and A. S. Harby are on the side of the plaintiff and Messrs. J. H. Clifton, L. W. McLaughlin and Mark Reynolds for the Coast Line and Lee & McMe for the Southern Railroad.

The case is one similar to others which have been tried here in recent years referred to as "neurotic" cases, because of the fact that the plaintiff alleges that his nerves have been affected as the result of injuries received in the wreck, as in other cases. The wreck is alleged to have occurred on July 7, 1915, near Koyser, on the edge of the city of Columbia.

The case of M. V. Saunders against the Atlantic Coast Railroad Co. yesterday resulted in a verdict of \$15 actual and \$125 punitive damages for the plaintiff. Mr. Saunders, the plaintiff, alleged that she lost certain valuable jewelry in the A. C. L. waiting room at Sumter.

Lee County Assessors.

The governor has announced the following appointments: Township assessors for Lee county: C. L. Stuckey, Bladenboro, R. F. D. No. 1, Cypress township, vice J. W. Davis, moved out of township; W. R. Davis, R. F. D. No. 1, Oware, Bladenboro township, vice N. S. McLaughlin, deceased; T. C. Robertson, R. F. D. No. 1, Bladenboro, Spring Hill township, vice L. S. Vinton, moved from Bladenboro; A. D. McCoy, R. F. D. No. 1, H. Charles, vice E. C. McCoy, removed from township.

OFFICERS OF FLOUR MILL.

At a meeting of the directors of the Sumter Flour Mills yesterday the following officers were elected for one year:

President and Manager, Peter Mose, Jr.

Vice President, G. A. Lemmon.

Superintendent, J. W. McDonald.

Secretary, E. I. Reardon.

It was decided to materially increase the capital stock and to install a fifty barrel per day mill. Messrs. H. W. Harby and J. P. Booth were appointed a committee to arrange for additional capital stock.

President Mose was directed to apply for a charter. The name of the corporation will be "The Sumter Flour Mills."

Mr. J. W. McDonald, of Bennettsville, an experienced and successful millwright and flour mill operator and superintendent, and a stockholder in the Sumter Flour Mills was elected superintendent. Mr. McDonald comes with the very highest of recommendations as a man of high integrity, business ability and experience in every phase of the flour mill business.

A committee appointed especially for the purpose with Superintendent McDonald will purchase an up-to-date flour mill at once and it will be installed in ample time to grind the 1916 wheat.

One of the gratifying features connected with the meeting yesterday was the fact that a number of the directors expressed the opinion that this flour mill will prove to be one of the best paying investments and voluntarily doubled their subscriptions to the capital stock, and offered to take more.

The flour mill will be located at the corner of Hampton Avenue and Green streets, nearly opposite the Seaboard Air Line depot, and will have side-track facilities with the A. C. L. and A. A. L. lines.

County Board Meeting.

Deputy Sheriff Given Use of Supervisor's Car.

The County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly session Tuesday with all of the members present, except Mr. W. J. Young, who is still quite sick and unable to be present.

The board discussed the printing of the monthly statements and authorized the clerk to request bids for the same from the county printers.

Four notes continuing the loan of \$25,000 from the National Bank of Sumter were executed and the money placed in the bank to be used when wanted in the erection of the new jail.

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Forbes was granted the use of the old car of Supervisor Pitts, which has been replaced with a new car, in exchange for the county's use of Mr. Forbes' bloodhounds, which he is keeping at his own expense.

A number of claims were gone over and ordered paid.

START ON O'DONNELL STORE.

W. Lee Harbin Has Hands Cleaning up Debris for Erection of New Building.

W. Lee Harbin, the contractor who will erect the O'Donnell & Co. store on the site of the burned building, on Tuesday started work on the lot and is getting everything in readiness to put up the new building. A force of hands was at work yesterday removing all of the old brick walls left on the premises and cleaning up the site for the new building. Others were erecting a temporary tool house at the rear of the building and doing the other preliminary work necessary in building operations.

Mr. Harbin is not a new man in Sumter for he has done a great deal of work here before, having been the contractor for the City National Bank, the Bank of Sumter, the Trinity Methodist Church, the Imperial Hotel and other buildings. He is well known by the business men of Sumter, who are glad to have him back here.

REDUCE BANK ASSESSMENTS.

County Board of Assessors Heeds the Pleas of Bankers.

The county board of assessors on Tuesday heeded the complaint of the bankers that they were assessed at a greater per cent on the value of their property than any other taxpayers and it consequently reduced the assessment down to one-third of the real value, a rate at which it had been placed previous to the action of the tax commission last year. This action will probably satisfy the bankers, although, as stated at the meeting Tuesday, it is a higher rate on the value than most property is returned for taxation.

A large number of negroes stated that they did not have dogs, mules or cows which had been placed against them and these were removed from the returns.

OFFICERS FOR CHAMBER.

Commercial Organization Re-elects Officers—Plans New Work.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their weekly meeting yesterday unanimously accepted membership on the business men's reception committee for Field Day under appointment by Secretary Reardon. The president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, directors and managing secretary will meet at Chamber of Commerce at 10 o'clock Friday morning and attend the exercises of Field Day in a body.

Selection of officers for the present fiscal year resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following officers:

President, R. B. Belser.

First Vice President, G. A. Lemmon.

Second Vice President, J. W. McKiever.

Managing Secretary, E. I. Reardon.

Mr. R. E. Wilder was elected treasurer to succeed Dr. J. E. Heaton, who retires from the board of directors with Messrs. H. M. Stuckey and E. L. Witherspoon.

The newly elected directors, Messrs. E. S. Booth, R. K. Wilder and H. J. McLaurin, Jr., are in official harness, starting at the bit ready to "start something" to make things hum for Sumter.

Mrs. Wesley A. Brown was reappointed as assistant secretary by Secretary Reardon.

The directors unanimously endorsed a motion by Secretary Reardon for the Chamber of Commerce to take the lead in a "clean-up and paint-up" campaign of one week for Sumter.

The establishment of cream routes was made a special order for the next monthly meeting of the Chamber on next Tuesday. Demonstrator J. F. Williams has been invited to discuss this matter with the Chamber next Tuesday.

TELEGRAPHIC SALESMANSHIP.

Manager Murphy of Western Union Attended School in Charlotte.

Manager Murphy of the Western Union office has just returned from Charlotte, where he and thirty-five other managers from the principal offices in the two Carolinas have been schooled in the art of telegraphic salesmanship. The lessons were practical demonstrations by instructors and members of the school. Mr. A. C. Kaufman, general commercial agent of New York, conducted the meetings in an inspiring and beneficial manner, and General Manager Worthen, of Atlanta, touched upon the administrative duties between acts. Mr. F. R. Veale, superintendent at Charlotte, was the local spokesman and ably arranged all local matters and made many valuable suggestions.

The object is to teach the public the greatest use and efficiency of the telegraph as a business ally, and the night letter will be the chief instrument. The slow moving mails will be largely supplanted by this special service to speed up business.

The idea a few years ago was considered a dream, but the practicability of the idea has been proven by putting it into use throughout the country for the past year.

Death.

Jacob M. Hodge died at 11 o'clock today at the Towney Hospital, after an illness of about two weeks. He was aged forty-seven years and was a well known farmer of the Tindal section. The funeral services and interment will be held at Providence church, near Tindal, at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Swat the Cattle Tick.

1. It kills your cattle.

2. It reduces the price.

3. It prevents shipping to the best markets.

4. It prevents bringing in breeding stock.

5. It ruins the cattle business.

6. It robs you of your cattle food.

7. It costs too much.

The dipping vat will do the work. Swat him now—don't wait. The boll weevil is coming this way and will refuse to cooperate in the cattle business until the tick leaves.

IN CIVIL COURT.

Levi Bros. Win Suit From Coast Line—Jones Against Parker.

From The Daily Item, April 4.

In the court of common pleas this morning the suit of Robert L. Jones by his guardian was commenced against E. W. Parker, F. H. McCathern and Mrs. L. H. Parker. Jones alleged damages to the amount of \$3,000 for his alleged forced removal from a store which he had rented from Parker and by his being forbidden the opportunity of handling goods in the store thereafter. It seems that Jones sold out his stock of goods to Parker, but moved out before a full settlement was reached and he claims that he was never paid the full amount he was owed by Parker.

The suit of Levi Bros. against the Atlantic Coast Railroad Company Monday resulted in a verdict of \$127.33 and penalty of \$50 being returned for the plaintiff, this and costs being the full amount sued for. It was alleged that three bales of cotton were shipped from Paxville for the plaintiffs, but never reached their destination and the loss thereby was \$127.33.

BANKS PROTEST ON TAX PLAN.

Want Their Taxes on Parity With Other Property Bankers State.

From The Daily Item, April 4.

A number of the bankers of the city met in the auditor's office this morning at the annual meeting of the county board of assessors and protested vigorously on the action of the state tax commission last year in raising their taxes from the assessment at which they were returned to 43 per cent. of their real value.

They asked that their property be put on a parity with other property, as returned for taxation, saying that the law has been so changed by the last session of the legislature that such a change was permissible and could not be changed by the tax commission, except as it related to the returns as made by other counties. They stated that bank property should not be made to pay more than its proportion and just share of taxes, as the banks had unjustly been forced to do last year.

Messrs. C. G. Rowland, R. O. Purdy, D. D. Moise and Neill O'Donnell made short talks on behalf of the bankers' plea, although there were quite a number of other bankers present.

The members of the county board of assessors present were: H. J. McLaurin, Sumter, chairman; E. E. Aycock, Middleton; W. J. Ardis, Manchester; Howard Jones, Concord; J. K. McElveen, Shiloh; M. Dorn, Providence; T. M. Rogers, Rafting Creek; T. S. Stuckey, Stateburg; Robert Muldrow, Mayesville.

Take a Smile With You.

Take a smile with you, that's the good old way;

Th' clouds are flying o'er 'twill make a brighter day.

Do not feign it either, but let it be true,

Helping many others while it's helping you.

Put it in your labor, put it in your play,

Put it in your life work on the beaten way.

Take a smile with you, that's the old, good way.

Take a smile with you, neath the chastening rod,

'Twill pierce the thickest darkness looking up to God;

It will lighten burdens, it will lift your load,

Make a better pathway of a stony road.

Make a better pathway of a stony road.

It has heartened heroes cowering in dismay;

Crowning with a triumph in the mighty fray.

Take a smile with you, that's the old, good way.

Take a smile with you to the man that's down,

It will serve him better than if you wore a frown;

It may ease his burden, help him to succeed;

Just a smile this moment is his sorest need.

Help your fallen brother, lift him up today,

Hear his cry for succor, do not say him nay.

Take a smile with you, that's the old, good way.

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Rembert, S. C., April 4, 1916.



Facts

GET the facts on the operating cost before you buy any automobile. Find out the truth before—not after. And don't be satisfied with hearsay or a salesman's claims. The price of gasoline is high; so is oil and there is sure to be an increase in the cost of all tires.

So, what you want is the car that will give you most miles per gallon of gasoline, per gallon of oil and per set of tires.

Here are the facts proved by the Maxwell stock touring car that recently set the World's Motor Non-Stop Record:

Maxwell World's Non-Stop Record Facts

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Average miles per day (44 days).....	500.6
Miles per gallon of gasoline.....	21.88
Miles per gallon of oil.....	400
Average miles per tire.....	9,871

Remember that this was a Non-Stop Endurance Record—in order to prove that the Maxwell car was exceedingly sturdy, reliable and trouble proof.

No attempt was made or could be made to save gasoline, oil or tires. So these figures merely indicate what would be possible under ordinary driving conditions.

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